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# The Transsexual Community & Ammendment #2
# The Crime, The Injustice, The Casualties !

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Are you, as a Colorado Springs resident, aware that there is indeed an organized campaign launched by Colorado for Family Values (CFV) & Focus on the Family . Thats purpose is to provoke job firings and evictions in housing for Gay & Lesbian people. In recent press conferences CFV spokesperson Will Perkins denied that this was the real intentions behind Ammendment #2. After the preliminary injunction against #2 was issued CFV sent a letter (on file) to their followers stating Quote : " Despite the preliminary injunction, Ammendment 2 is in force !" Heres where the nightmare begins.

Through most of 1993 I operated a helpline for the Transsexual or (T.S.) & Transgendered community. The reports of sudden job loss and homelessness swept through the T.S. community like a California fire, most calls coming from Colorado Springs. Many reporting not one, but sometimes several open attacks per week upon housing and employment. With the attackers usually saying " They're Gay, Get rid of 'em " . There are documented and witnessed incidents by appartment complex managers where T.S. tennants were attacked in such a way sometimes daily by fellow tennants or strangers. Further investigation of managerial records showed most attackers were currently employed by Focus on the Family.

Documented and witnessed incidents where T.S. people involved in very minor law violations are arrested, where a summons to appear was in order. Witnessed incidents of local police maliciously telling an employer and co workers of the employees transsexualism.

Wait a minute, Ammendment #2 does not mention Transgendered or Transsexual persons. While being some part of the Gay Community, the majority of Transsexuals do not claim to be homosexual in orientation. A quiet, non violent part of society, the Transgendered community as a whole is estimated by medical doctors to be 3 - 5 % of the male population, and 1 in 40-60,000 being biological female. Some are pretty, some are ugly, some are androgynous looking and you cant tell what sex they are. Most strive very hard to fit unnoticed in society. Pumping up to 3 million dollars per year into Trinidads economy.

The conservative Christians attacked the Transsexual community because they really could not tell just who was, or was not Gay. T.S.'s were easiest for them to spot. A year ago Colorado's front range was home to an estimated 6 - 800 Transsexuals. Recent estimations show our numbers at below 300. Not one single doctor in Colorado Springs or Denver will now openly accept T.S. patients from fear of religious repercussions. The sex change capitol of the world has become a Transsexuals hell. This did not just happen here, but all across America, especially through the mid west. Recent highly publicised incidents of self mutilations and suicide attempts are the direct result of current religious educational efforts on the public along with the denial of medical care. There were several losses to the T.S. community in Denver this month from attempted suicides.

Remember what happened to the kid that kept poking the big dog with a stick ? He got bit. Leave the Transsexual people alone or you may get bit where it hirts, in court, in the wallet !

Are you Gay, disabled or handicapped ? Are you different or afraid to be your self ? Can you hide who and what you are ? Will you invite a buddy over on Saturday to watch football and be accused by your religious neighbor of being gay.? Who will be the next target of the religious right after they are finished destroying the lives of Americas remaining Transsexuals Are you safe Colorado Springs ?

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